



FACT SHEET

Module 3.5

Parking Laws

Parking on Public Road

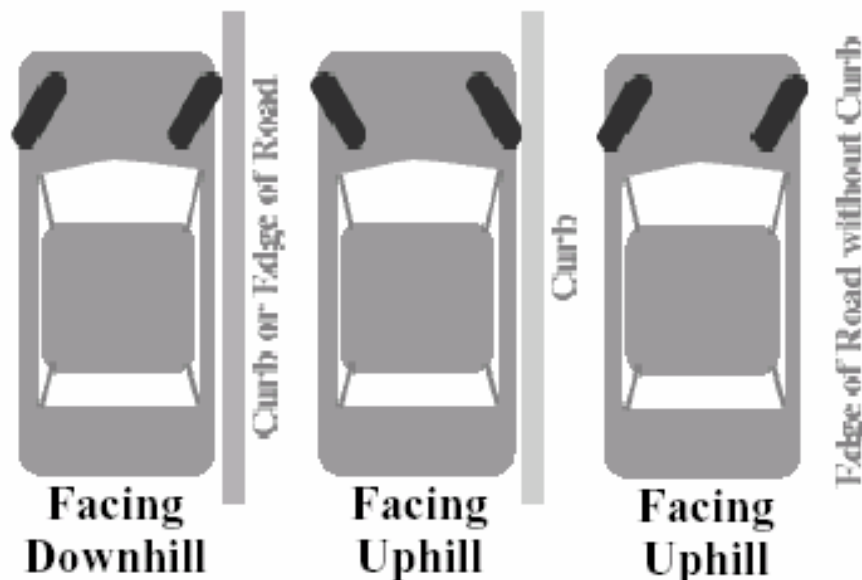
When parking on a public road, you must park parallel to and within 18 inches of the curb or edge of the roadway, facing in the same direction as traffic on your side of the road. When you leave your car, secure it. If you have an automatic transmission, shift to park and set the parking brake; if you have a manual transmission, leave the car in first gear or reverse and set the parking brake. Remove the keys and lock the door.

Parking on a Hill

If the parking brake fails, to keep your vehicle from rolling into traffic when parked on a hill, turn your front wheels (1) sharply toward and against the curb or edge of the road if you are facing downhill, or (2) if you are facing uphill, turn your wheels sharply away and against the curb (if there is no curb, turn the wheels sharply toward the edge of the road). Always turning the tires in a direction so that if the parking brake fails, your vehicle will not roll into traffic, but off the edge of the roadway.

The tires are a third way to help keep the car from moving after you have exited it. With no curb to catch the tires, turning the tires away from the street will help prevent the car from rolling into traffic.

Keeping the foot on the brake until the parking brake is set will allow the parking brake to be the primary holding force. The shift into Park position is a secondary holding system.



No-Parking Zones

Parking is not allowed

- On sidewalks
- On the street side of any parked vehicle. (This is known as "double parking.")
- In intersections
- Within 50 feet of railroad tracks
- On bridges or overpasses
- In front of a driveway
- Within 15 feet of a fire hydrant
- Within 20 feet of a crosswalk
- Within 30 feet of a stop sign, yield sign, or traffic signal
- Within 20 feet of a fire station driveway
- On any controlled-access highway (freeway)
- Where prohibited by signs or a red, yellow, or white "no parking" curb

Handicapped Parking

The symbol shown here indicates parking spaces reserved for handicapped persons. Vehicles displaying this symbol on their license plate or a special card may park in handicapped spaces. Non-handicapped drivers are prohibited from parking in such spaces and may be fined for violations. A handicapped person may park automobiles displaying the handicapped symbol in public parking spaces without paying and for unlimited time.

